

This year, Steve is being honored with the Outstanding Achievements Award as the Elk's citizen of the year. Steve is truly an asset to crime fighting in Northwest Missouri. Under his leadership, his department has received the Missouri State Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award two years in a row.

When Steve is not working relentlessly as the sheriff, he spends his spare time in internet chat rooms searching for sexual predators. To date, he has brought over a dozen to justice.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steve Cox for his many important contributions to Northwest Missouri Officers, the Elks Lodge 656 of Chillicothe, his community and the 6th District of Missouri.

WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I wish to share with my colleagues an essay written by Jefferson Brown, a constituent of mine from Mason City, IA. Jefferson is a 12-year-old 6th grader at Roosevelt Middle School in Mason City. He recently won an award from the Elks Lodge in Mason City and will soon be traveling to the State Capital in Des Moines to compete in a state-wide competition. I submit his award-winning essay for the RECORD.

The American flag means many things to me. It symbolizes pride, joy, strength, and ability. These all come from the flag of the great country we live in.

The flag symbolizes pride, the pride of our country, ourselves, and pride for our flag of America. It gives hope, it gives us pride, the flag is a symbol of our pride in our country.

The flag represents joy for the heroes who stood tall defending our country. Joy when the warriors came home to us all. The joy of one, the joy of all is in the flag that flies high above us, the flag stands for joy in America.

Strength is in the flag, and the strength is in the hearts of all the American people. The strength is in our army, strength in those who lost a loved one on those days when we stood tall. The strength is in one; the strength is in all, it is in America; that stands tall.

Last but not least, ability. The flag stands for ability. Ability is in all of us, it is what we do. We are better at some things than others. Some of us can run or jump better than others, or we can draw or write better; but the point is that we all must bring our abilities together just as if we were colors on the American flag, the colors come together to make the flag. Just as we must, all united as one.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE "JACQUIE" FENNESSY, 29TH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2003

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we

pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March. It is my great honor to recognize extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today to recognize an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Jacqueline "Jacquie" Fennessy. Over the years, Ms. Fennessy has given selflessly of her time and energy to many different organizations in Altadena, California.

A 45-year resident of Altadena, Jacquie and her husband, Dr. William J. Fennessy have five children, William, Brian, Michael, David, Daniel, and twelve grandchildren. As a young mother, she was involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the local Parent Teacher Association and Little League. In 1986, she became the Executive Director for Patron Saints Foundation, a position she currently holds. The foundation is an association that awards charitable grants to non-profit health care organizations in the west San Gabriel Valley.

Jacquie has served on the Altadena Town Council since 1992, serving as Chair for three terms. The consummate volunteer, Ms. Fennessy is also a member of the Altadena Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Tree Lane Association, Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Conservancy. Her board memberships include the Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena, Scripps Home, and the Altadena Historical Society. Active in Altadena's libraries, she has been an Altadena Library Board of Trustee member since 1994, serving two terms as President, and a member of Friends of the Altadena Library for nearly forty years.

Jacquie has received many awards, including the California Legislature's 44th Assembly District Woman of the Year in 1999, Pasadena Mental Health Association's Community Volunteer of the Year in 1998, and Citizen of the Year in 1998 by the Altadena Chamber of Commerce.

The time and energy she gives to our community is truly remarkable, and the greater Altadena area has benefited greatly from her dedicated service.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jacqueline "Jacquie" Fennessy. The entire community joins me in thanking Ms. Fennessy for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

ALBERT AND MARY CLARK CELE- BRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVER- SARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise day to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the 60th wedding anniversary of my good friends Albert and Mary Clark of Pittston, PA. The Clarks will be honored March 15 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church in Pittston and an anniversary dinner at St. Mary's Center in Scranton.

Albert and Mary, the former Mary Jordan, were married March 6, 1943, in their neighborhood church in Pittston, in the middle of World

War II. He wore his Navy ensign's uniform for the ceremony. At the time he was an administrative officer with the Navy at the Philadelphia Ship Yard, which was then a major deployment facility for troops and shipping traffic.

They are the proud parents of seven children: Michael, of Washington, DC; Patrick, of Columbia, SC; Kevin, of San Francisco; John, of Poway, CA; Brian, of Dunmore; Albert, Jr., of Scranton; and Mary Kenney, of Clarks Summit. They are also the proud grandparents of 22 grandchildren.

In addition to raising a large family, Mary has been continuously active in various organizations of her parish church, including her role as Eucharistic minister. Last year, Albert was presented with the Man of the Year award by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the 60th wedding anniversary of Albert and Mary Clark, and I wish them and their family all the best.

SHLOMO ARGOV—A VICTIM OF MINDLESS VIOLENCE

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, a good man has died after spending 20 years completely paralyzed because of mindless violence perpetrated by the Abu Nidal Middle East terrorist faction. Shlomo Argov, the former Israeli Ambassador to Britain, who died on February 23 in a Jerusalem hospital, was shot as he emerged from a meeting in a London hotel in 1982. For more than 20 years he was a living example of the tragedy that has befallen so many decent people because of mindless hatred that is used to justify terrorist acts.

I first met him when he showed me around Jerusalem on my first visit to the Middle East after the 1973 Israeli-Arab war. He was a political moderate who in his conversations with me spoke articulately of the need for Israelis and Palestinians to come to an understanding about their differences, and, yet, he was gunned down by forces of hatred who have always been anxious to make a political point regardless of the injury done to other human beings or to their own cause.

Before he was so viciously assaulted, he had a distinguished career in Israeli's Minister of Foreign Affairs and served as Ambassador to Mexico, the Netherlands, and finally, Ambassador to Britain. His death is another demonstration of how close the Middle East is to running out of men of good will before it runs out of hatred.

Mr. Argov paid a terrible price for trying to bring his talents to bear to advance the well being of the part of the world from which he came. His death should not go unnoticed. Neither should the distinguished service that he provided to Israel and the world before his life was so cruelly changed by mindless Palestinian militants.

Thoughtful people in both Israeli and Palestinian circles should view his death as another reminder of the need to end the terror, cut through the hatred, and give innocent civilians in that region an opportunity for the kind of